

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on December 5, 2008 as well as the Notice of Allowance and Fees due issued on June 24, 2008. In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner deemed the amendments to the Specification as non-complaint because there was no support provided for the requested amendment. In response, the Applicants have withdrawn there amendment to the Specification and returned the text in paragraph 34 of the Specification back to its original form.

The Notice of Allowance allowed claims 1, 3-16. This communication copies the Applicant's amendments to the listing of claims filed in their September 24, 2008 communication. In that September 24, 2008 communication, the Applicants amended claims 1, 2, 4, 6-11, and 14-16 and claims 17-20 were added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 5, 15 and 16 each recite the limitation "a secondary index for a primary B+tree, wherein the secondary index comprises a plurality of rows each comprising an index key value and a guess-database address value that represents a guess as to an address block of a the primary B+tree where a row may be found." None of the previously cited references teach or suggest this limitation. Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

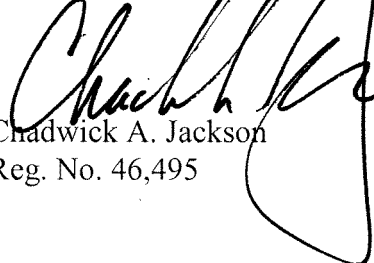
Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5231-044-US01CON1).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,


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